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PSC OPENS CASE ON DISASTER/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Jefferson City (November 1, 2001)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has established a case to receive information from Missouri utilities regarding their preparedness for disaster and emergency situations.

The PSC Staff proposes to survey Missouri utilities concerning their preparedness for disaster and emergency situations including procedures for dealing with terrorist threats or attacks. The PSC Staff proposes to report its findings periodically to the Commission and file a formal report by December 31, 2001.

The Commission stated in its order opening the case: "The information obtained in a survey and any resulting report and suggestions will inform the Commission and the public as to the steps taken by Missouri utilities to prepare for disaster and emergency situations."

The PSC Staff intends to survey the utilities concerning their plans to deal with disaster and emergency situations including: 1) employee training, emergency drills, coordination with and reporting to local, state and federal agencies; 2) procedures for dealing with terrorist threats or with actual attacks on employees or facilities, including computer systems and remote facilities and hazardous materials protection and handling.

A questionnaire will be sent to all utility companies asking that it be completed and returned to the PSC Staff by December 1, 2001.

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